

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
April 25, 2008
10:00 a.m.**

Call to Order

The meeting of the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, April 25, 2008, at the Library of Michigan, by Elaine Logan, Chair.

Attendance

Members Present: Bill Anderson, B. Denise Bartlett, Barbara Bonge (alternate for Chief Justice Clifford Taylor), Linda Farynk, Elaine Logan, Charles Myers, Nancy Robertson, Nancy Skowronski (via conference phone), Michael Smith, Francis "Bus" Spaniola, Representative Aldo Vagnozzi

Members Absent: Rep. Fran Amos, Senator Irma Clark-Coleman

Staff Present: Deb Biggs-Thomas, Ken Darga, Sheryl Mase, Judith Moore, Lori Poznanski-Mason (recording secretary)

Visitors: Roger Ashley, Randy Dykhuis, Jill Costello (representing Senator Tom George), Gretchen Couraud, Jim Seidl, Brad Wever (representing Representative Fran Amos)

Agenda

Today's agenda was modified in order to accommodate the schedules of Representative Vagnozzi and Judith Moore. Judith will present the Foundation report and Representative Vagnozzi will present a resolution prior to the Board Reports.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE MODIFIED AGENDA AND MOVED BY BILL ANDERSON. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Minutes of
February 22, 2008
Meeting**

BUS SPANIOLA MOVED APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2008 BOARD MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MICHAEL SMITH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Resolution
Presentation**

Representative Aldo Vagnozzi presented House Resolution 0330 of 2008 to Nancy Robertson, recognizing the week of April 13-19, 2008, as National Library Week in the state of Michigan and congratulating the American Library Association on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of National Library Week.

Nancy thanked Representative Vagnozzi for supporting the resolution and for being a great champion for libraries.

**LM Foundation
Report**

Judith mentioned that the Night for Notables event on April 26 will begin with a private reception at the Governor's residence at 5:30 p.m. The Notables event at the Library will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the second floor Atrium area. Eric Villegas, author of *A Fork in the Road*, will be the keynote speaker. Judith encouraged Board members to talk with the various guests, such as program sponsors, authors, Foundation Board members, and special guests/donors. A guest list for the private reception was distributed to LM Board members and Judith asked members to review their information. If any Board members are planning to attend and are not on the list, please let Nancy R. know because an RSVP is required for the Governor's residence reception.

The Notable Books Author Tour is progressing well. The tour runs through the end of May.

Macy's has agreed to renew the sponsorship of the Museum Adventure Pass for 2009. Over 44,000 people have participated in the program this year. In the month of March, close to 10,000 people participated.

Judith reported that the event to honor Elmore Leonard has been cancelled due to Mr. Leonard's work commitments and health issues. Some funds had already been expended on this event for an event planner. The Foundation would like to plan a high visibility event for 2009 and welcomes ideas.

Nancy congratulated Judith on achieving her Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) certification.

**Board Reports
Board Chair's**

Elaine reported that in the course of various duties at Eastern, she has heard positive comments/praises about MeL.

LM was well represented at the Southeastern Michigan League of Libraries (SEMLOL) Spring Meeting. Many of the library reports at the meeting mentioned MeL.

Elaine expressed her excitement at being part of the delegation for ALA Legislative Day.

The initial proposal regarding state funding for libraries has started a passionate conversation. Elaine encouraged MLA, libraries, and librarians across the state to continue the conversation in a positive manner. This is an issue that must be addressed.

Legislator Reports Representative Vagnozzi stated that the HAL budget has been reported out of the House Committee. They hope to increase funding in two areas:

the library allocation and the arts allocation. Jill reported that Senator George agrees with the House budget. However, the HAL budget is dependent on the figure given to the Senate Committee after the revenue estimating conference.

It was noted that language was inserted in the DLEG budget to promote collaboration between Michigan Works agencies and libraries. Libraries are a strong force locally for people looking for jobs or starting a business, which supports Governor Granholm's No Worker Left Behind program.

Elaine noted that Dr. Anderson has had a new library at Westshore Community College named after him. Bill said he is thrilled to be honored in this way.

State Librarian's Report

The State Librarian's report began with information from the Library Development and Data Services (LDDS) Division. Sheryl Mase, LDDS Director, introduced the new MeL Coordinator, Deb Biggs-Thomas. Deb spoke about her background and discussed plans for MeL:

- New projects are being added to MeL Michigan, which is a collection of digitized Michigan histories. Digitization projects that resulted from the Digitization for Preservation and Access Grants are currently being added.
- The new component of MeL, Michigan Educators Resources (MER) will be rolled out soon. MER is aligned with the Grade Level Content Expectations, will be searchable, and will be the first of its kind in the country.
- There are plans to develop the business, economic, and labor portal on MeL. Deb has plans to speak to small business and entrepreneurial groups about MeL.

Board members knowing of a group or association that would be interested in hearing more about MeL should contact Deb.

Deb asked the Board for help in spreading the word about everything MeL has to offer.

State Demographer Ken Darga presented information related to the 2010 census. The Library of Michigan has been designated by the Governor as an agency representing Michigan in LUCA, the Local Update of Census Addresses. This update will create a more accurate and up-to-date address list for the Census Bureau. Each additional address increases federal funding to the state.

LDDS has hired a contracted employee, Jolee Hamlin, to handle the 2008 Michigan Reads program and LM's involvement in the 2009 Summer Reading program, particularly attendance at the CSLP Annual Conference.

The Continuing Education Coordinator position for LDDS will be posted soon.

The New Directors Workshop and the Beginning Workshop will be held in May in Petoskey.

Nancy R. reported that Kate Nicholoff, from the Acquisitions Team of the Library, has accepted a public services librarian position at the Capital Area District Library – Haslett Branch. Kate had acquired her Master of Library Science degree with assistance from LM's tuition reimbursement program.

The Law Library is in the process of making an offer to someone for the Law Librarian 12 Collection Development Coordinator position.

LM plans to post a librarian position for SBPH. The person would be involved with readers advisory and responsible for CUL, their online public access catalog.

Nancy R. plans to post an administrative assistant position for the State Librarian.

The recent Learning More genealogy session at LM had over 300 attendees.

Nancy mentioned the email sent to LM Board Members on April 23 about a genealogy blog that praises LM and its staff.

Nancy commented on the success of the Valerie Hemingway event held on Wednesday, April 23. The Library of Michigan is partnering with the Michigan Humanities Council on this event and the Great Michigan Read featuring *The Nick Adams Stories*. The Great Michigan Read traveling exhibit, *Up North with the Hemingways*, is on display in the Michigan Library and Historical Center rotunda from April 18 to May 5.

Nancy R. will be attending the State Librarians Meeting (COSLA) in Washington, D.C. on May 12. The Michigan delegation participating in ALA Legislative Day (May 13-14) includes Nancy, Elaine Logan, Michael O. Smith, Roger Mendel of the Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative, and Pam Christensen of Peter White Public Library.

At the National Legislative Day festivities in D.C., Congressman Ehlers will be awarded the 2008 Public Service Award from Friends of Libraries U.S.A. (FOLUSA) in recognition of his work towards moving the SKILLS Act forward. One person is awarded this nationally each year.

Governor Granholm has designated September 2008 as Michigan Reads to Children month.

Nancy R. reported that a participant from Michigan won the national River of Words contest for her grade level. The Michigan Center for the Book had provided a grant to the Walker Arts and Humanities Center to promote this competition.

Events are being planned in Detroit, Lansing and Marquette for the 50th anniversary of the publication of Anatomy of a Murder. In September in Lansing, there will be an event at Cooley Law School, at the Hall of Justice, and at LM. Barb Bonge and various LM staff members are part of the planning committee.

Charles Myers asked for an update on the construction. The fall protection project is in progress and will be followed by roof repair, fire protection replacement, sprinkler pipe replacement, and reinstallation of ceiling tiles. It is hoped that staff can move back to their normal locations by Christmas.

Nancy attended a celebration at Chelsea District Library, which had been voted the best small library in the country by Library Journal.

Partnership Reports

Cooperatives

Jim Seidl, director of the Woodlands Library Cooperative, presented the Cooperatives report.

MLA

Gretchen Couraud, executive director of the Michigan Library Association, distributed and spoke about her report at the meeting.

MLC

Randy Dykhuis referred to the MLC report that was included in the Board packet.

MAME

The Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME) report was provided by Roger Ashley for inclusion in the Board packet.

Board Discussion Items

School Library Video

A handout about the School Library Media Center Issues group and its progress was distributed. One project of the group has been a video which will be used to promote the importance of school library media programs and school library media specialists. A draft of the video was viewed. Joanne Steckling, Judy Hauser and Nancy Larsen created the handout and spearheaded the video project. The video, to be distributed

on CD or DVD and available online, should be complete before the next LM Board meeting.

Pure Michigan Campaign

The group viewed the draft of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries Pure Michigan promotional video. Board members formed groups to share ideas on how LM and Michigan libraries can align with the Pure Michigan campaign. Each group had its own theme: Images, Descriptive Words and Phrases, or Themes. The results are in an attached document.

The final version of the HAL Pure Michigan video is to be completed soon.

Old Business

Charles Myers asked for an update on the timeline for the newly proposed state aid guidelines/rules. Nancy said the comment period has ended and comments are under review. Nick Bozen will publish the revised document in the Michigan register in August and then a public meeting will be held in September or October. Now that LM is part of the Executive Branch and not the Legislature, there is a need to establish rules for state aid distribution through HAL as part of the executive branch.

No additional old business was brought before the Board.

New Business

No new business was brought before the Board.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is Friday, September 26, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at the Library of Michigan.

Adjournment

CHARLES MYERS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND
MICHAEL SMITH SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED AND THE
MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

Elaine Logan, Chair

Nancy R. Robertson, State Librarian